(e) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has reviewed the findings of the Committee and found that these were to please the drug producers;

(f) if so, what are the details of the review;

(g) whether his Ministry propose to take any action against the Committee; and

(h) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (h) Information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Recovery of Unintended Benefit from the Importers of Penicillin

2227. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:
SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the outlines of the policy settled by his Ministry for import of Penicillin G/V Ist Crystals;

(b) when was the policy announced and with what objective and how the objectives are expected to be achieved;

(c) what are the names of companies which have imported Penicillin G/V in the past four years with out lifting of indigenous production;

(d) what steps have been taken to collect unintended benefit from those who did not lift indigenous Penicillin or lifted less quantities in the past;

(e) whether his Ministry has worked out the details of those parties who were allowed imports without indigenous lifting of penicillin as per the policy;

(f) if so, what are the names of the parties, quantity allowed for import and the quantity not lifted as required; and

(g) what steps have been taken to recover unintended benefit?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) A copy of the Press Note issued in this connection giving the salient features of the policy is enclosed as statement. (See below)

(b) The policy was announced in the Ist Week of June 1990. Main objective of the policy is to utilise the indigenously produced pen. 'C', which is to be achieved through its strict implementation.

(c), (e) and (f) Information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) and (g) Action against such companies for violating the conditions of the Import is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

PRESS NOTE

The Penicillin G-First crystal Allocation Policy for the year 1990-91 has been framed taking into account the increase in the indigenous production of Penicillin by the two public sector understaking, IDPL and HAL. In view of the higher indigenous production, the ratio of imported Penicillin-G to indigenous Penicillin-G has been

changed from the existing 70 (Imported): 30 (Indigenous) to 60 (imported: 40 (indigenous) w.e.f. 1-4-90 for the year.

Growth rates both the new and old units have been allowed this year also on the lines of that of previous years. However, this facility would be available only to units fulfilling certain minimum eligibility creteria like lifting of indigenous entitlement of Penicillin-G during last year. In certain other cases growth rates have also been allowed provided the shortfalls in indigenous lifting are made good by 15.7.90.

A scheme of incentives and disincentives has also been introduced. This has been done to ensure that the units do not avail of the facility of advance imports only and are also made to lift their indigenous entitlement. The incentives are in terms of giving bonuses 5 per cent and 2.5 per cent to units who have lifted 100 per cent and 90 per cent of their indigenous entitlement of Penicillin-G till March, 1990. Disincentives are, not allowing growth rate, or facility of advance imports to units whose record of lifting has been poor during last year.

Oil Refinery at Numaligarh, Assam

2228. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to set up an oil refinery at Numaligarh in Assam; and

(b) if so, by when the work on the project is likely to commence;

(c) what are the details thereof, and

(d) what action Government propose to take to start the project within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government have approved in January, 1990 the preparation of a Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) by M/s IBP Co. Ltd. for setting up a 3 MTPA refinery at Numaligarh in Assam. The Detailed Feasibility Report is expected to be submitted by the Project authorities by end of October, 1990 for investment decision. Further action would be taken only after the same is approved by the Government.

Import of Bisacodyl Range of Drugs

2229. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister fo PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bisacodyl, Hysocine Bromide, Hydroxy Progesterone Caproate, Glipizide, Nandrolone Deconoate, Ally strenol are being imported in the country; and

(b) if so, what was the quantity and CIF value of imports of each drug during the last three years, yearwise?